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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF SALZBURG TALKS

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. WE HAVE NOTED IN SOME OF THE PRESS COVERAGE OF SALZBURG TALKS ATTRIBUTED TO EGYPTIAN SOURCES THAT THE IMPRESSION IS BEING CREATED THAT THE FOCUS OF NEGOTIATIONS HAS SHIFTED TO AN INTERIM SINAI AGREEMENT AND THAT OPTION OF MOVING TO AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT IS BEING DOWNPLAYED. WE DO NOT THINK THAT IT IS TACTICALLY WISE TO BE CREATING THIS IMPRESSION ON EVE OF RABIN VISIT HERE. WHAT SHOULD BE COMING ACROSS, IN OUR VIEW, IS THAT ALL OPTIONS REMAIN EQUALLY OPEN. I LEAVE IT TO YOU HOW TO HANDLE THIS WITH EGYPTIANS. I DO NOT WANT YOU TO MAKE A SPECIAL APPROACH BUT BELIEVE YOU SHOULD SEEK OPPORTUNITY IN AN EARLY MEETING WITH FAHMY TO GET THIS POINT ACROSS. KISSINGER

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